Urban Renewal Mission

1151. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some organizations have demanded democratization of the Urban Renewal Mission through active involvement of 60 per cent of the urban population;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that there were allegations of involvement of World Bank, Asian Development Bank and Indian corporates in the functioning of the Mission; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government to ensure that the working of the Mission is transparent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) and (b) Stakeholder consultations including community participation are an integral component of JNNURM.

(c) Mission is functioning independently without any interference from Asian Development Bank, World Bank and Indian Corporates.

(d) In Order to ensure transparency in the working of the Mission, status of implementation is being disseminated widely through various channels including internet.

Free treatment in private hospitals

1152. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Delhi High Court has ordered that 60 Private Hospitals in the city of Delhi to provide free treatment to those whose monthly income is Rs. 2000/- and below as the lands for the hospital has been allotted on subsidiary rates;

(b) whether it is a fact that while allotting the lands for these hospitals there is a condition for free treatment for the poor people for those hospitals; and

(c) if so, the reasons for which it was monitored by the DDA?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) In a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) filed by Social Jurist, a Lawyers' group, in CWP No. 2866/2002 in

the matter of free treatment in private hospitals, the Hon'ble High Court, on 7.2.2006, directed the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi and the Principal Secretary (Health) to forthwith issue directions to all these hospitals and Nursing Homes that Boards in Hindi and English be put up at prominent places indicating that the hospitals and Nursing Homes are providing free treatment to the poor and weaker sections of the society. The Court further directed that the patient in this category should only sign a declaration that his or her income is less than Rs. 2000/- per month which of course will be subject to later verification. The patient will not be denied treatment pending verification of the monthly income.

(b) The condition of free treatment/free bed has been stipulated in case of some of the hospitals allotted land by Delhi Development Authority (DDA) and Land & Development Office (L&DO).

(c) DDA has issued show cause notices to hospitals which were violating the condition of providing free treatment and a system of fortnightly reporting for monitoring compliance has been put in place in association with Directorate of Health Services, Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi.

Further, a committee constituted by the Hon'ble High Court has also taken up inspection of the hospitals with regard to free bed/treatment condition.

Lack of safe drinking water

1153. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that around 80 percent of all diseases and ailments occurred due to lack of safe drinking water and sanitation facilities in metropolitan cities and urban cities of our country and there is great disgrace and dissatisfaction among the people;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) the details of the steps taken or proposed to be taken against such gloomy situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) to (c) Tenth Five Year Plan